

Common Goldeneye, Honorable Mention By Nick Riddle, age 14, Art teacher: Jilliana Marshall Lucerne Valley High School, Lucerne Valley

he goldeneye's scientific name comes from the word clangor, which means "small noise." It refers to the whistling sound made by the goldeneye's wings as it flies. A round patch of white on its checks can identify the male common goldeneye.

The goldeneye has a noisy courtship ritual during which the male snaps its head back and forth violently while it swims around a female. The male then kicks up water and exposes his breast, wings, and feet; meanwhile, the female postures and makes neckdipping movements. Courtship is a long process, taking place over several months. Paired birds nest in natural cavities or nest boxes in forested northern breeding areas.



Blue-winged Teal, Second Place By Zachary Barryte, age 9, Art teacher: Annemarie Rawlinson Vista Grande Elementary School, Rancho Palos Verdes



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	National Wildlife Refuge Week, 6-12					Monterey Bay Bird Festival, Elkhorn Slough, Monterey Co. (831) 761-1719
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Welcome Back Monarch Festival, Natural Bridges State Park, Santa Cruz Co. (831) 423-4609	Columbus Day					Return of the Salmon Festival, Tehema Co. (530) 225-2566
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	Full Moon					
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Daylight Saving Time Ends		Last Quarter		Halloween		